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SUBJECT: KOREA ISSUE IN UNGA

REF: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 3776; (B) KUALA LUMPUR 3729 (NOTAL).

1. DPRK SUCCEEDED IN LAYING ITS CASE AGAINST "TWO KOREAS" INITIATIVE BEFORE GOM IN MEETINGS AUGUST 22-23 WITH PM RAZAK (SEE REF A, PAR 7), MFA SEC-GEN ZAITON AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS MIN MICHAEL CHEN. DPRK TEAM HEADED BY LI JANG HWA, AMBASSADOR TO JAKARTA.

2. AMBASSADOR LYDMAN'S CONVERSATION WITH PM RAZAK AUGUST 23 AND FOLLOW-UP APPROACH AUGUST 24 BY EMBOFF TO ANTHONY YEO, MFA PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR UN, AMERICAS AND AFRICA, INDICATE GOM CONCERN WITH DPRK
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OPPOSITION TO ROK INITIATIVE. IF ISSUE IN NEW YORK DEVELOPS

AS ONE OF ROK ACCETPANCE AND NORTH KOREAN REJECTION INVITATION TO JOIN UN, THEM PM RAZAK'S STATEMENTS INDICATE GOM WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SEATING ONLY ONE KOREAN DELEGATION, WITH INVITATION LEFT OPEN FOR OTHER SIDE. HOWEVER, IN PROCEDURAL WRANGLES WHICH SEEM SURE TO GREET INTRODUCTION OF THIS ISSUE IN GA, MALAYSIA WILL PROBABLY AVOID TAKING FIRM POSITION IN LINE WITH ITS DESIRE TO AVOID BECOMING INVOLVED IN LARGER NORTH-SOUTH SQUABBLES. IN THIS REGARD, RAZAK MADE DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHAT HE SAW AS SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLE SUCH AS SEATING OF DIVIDED STATES AND BECOMING EMBROILED IN NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATION.

3. ALSO, GOM POSITION ON RELATED ISSUES OF UNCURK/UNC APPARENTLY NOT YET FLESHED OUT. IN AUGUST 24 MEETING, YEO REQUESTED INFO ON PROPOSED MECHANICS OF HANDLING "TWO KOREAS" ISSUE IN UNGA SO THAT GOM CAN DEVELOP OWN POSITION AND UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS PRIOR GA OPENING. YEO ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL MEET IN BANGKOK SEPT. 12, PRESUMABLY TO COORDINATE POSITIONS ON UNGA ISSUES. (NOTE: REQUEST OUR KNOWLEDGE SEPT. 12 MEETING BE HELD CLOSELY AT THIS STAGE BY ALL ADDRESSEES TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO YEO AND MFA.)

4. IN LATE DEVELOPMENT, AMBASSADOR LYDMAN DISCUSSED KOREA ISSUE WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HIROTA AUGUST 24. HIROTA SOUGHT USG VIEWS ON KOREA PROBLEM ANB REPEATED SUBSTANCE OF INSTRUCTIONS HE HAD RECEIVED FROM TOKYO WHICH APPEAR PARALLEL OUR OWN POSITION. HIROTA EXPECTS SEE MFA SEC-GEN ZAITON SHORTLY TO PRESENT GOJ VIEWS AND HE PROMISED CONSULT WITH US ON GOM RESPONSE AND FURTHER MOVES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS OF STRATEGY FOR HANDLING "TWO KOREAS" ISSUE AND TEXTS OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS, IF ANY, BY SEPT. 10 SO THAT WE CAN MAKE MAXIMUM IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT OF GOM POSITION.
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